

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Page 8, first paragraph of description:

In the drawings, Fig. 1 shows a prior art clip applicator 10 of the type marketed as VCS Clip Applicator by Auto Suture Company, Division of U.S. Surgical Corporation of Norwalk, Connecticut. This clip applicator is described above and is effective to dispense and apply a small clip for closure of tissues in microsurgery, from a tip 12 of a stem 14, extending from a handle 16 that the surgeon holds in the hand. As illustrated, the elongated stem 14 is much narrower than the elongated gripping handle 16 and rigidly projects forward from a forward end of the handle 16. A pair of thumb/finger wings 18 are squeezed together by the surgeon when the tip has been correctly placed and a clip is to be applied. Shortcomings of this device are described above, particularly for microsurgery on blood vessels under 2mm ~~on~~ or other very small surgical sites, the clip placement being performed under the microscope; and for endoscopic surgery or other use in narrow, difficult areas.

Page 11, middle paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 5, the remote device 52 may comprise a simple cable release useful with a camera. Such a cable release has a flexible cable sheath 56 and an internal flexible cable capable of delivering a compressive pushing force through the sheath. A thumb button 58 at a remote end of the device serves to receive thumb force, while a hand grip 60 permits comfortable gripping. Thus, the grip area 60 is held between the fingers while the thumb is used to push in on the thumb button or plunger 58, and this causes a tail piece 61 (see Fig. 6, not shown in Fig. 5) to extend out of a tail end 62, or proximal end relative to the device 10a. The tail piece as it extends from the proximal end 62 of the cable release device engages and slides forward a component in the grip clip applicator so as to cause the clip-applying component 36 to slide forward and dispense a clip, without movement at the place of contact.

Page 16, last paragraph:

For purposes of understanding the appended claims, it should be clarified that the movable member and the linkage means could comprise a single piece, and in the claims these components are to be construed as ~~one~~ either one piece or two. Even though

these components are stated as two elements in the claims, the two elements can be connected together or integral and the movable member can be considered as the forward end of that unitary piece, and the linkage member or linkage means can be considered as the rearward portion of the same piece.